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WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Irrigation Projects in Drought Prone Areas
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to announce new irrigation projects in the drought prone areas across the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has set up a team to identify the potential/affected areas in the country, State/UT-wise; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, so far, along with the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) & (b) Water being a State subject, planning, execution, operation and maintenance of water resources projects including dams and canals are undertaken by the concerned State Governments as per their own resources and priorities. In order to supplement the efforts of State Governments, Central Government provides technical and financial assistance to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes viz. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) etc.
(c) & (d) Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation constituted technical teams comprising the officers from regional offices of Central Water Commission & Central Ground Water Board and State Governments to analyse the problems and causes leading to such situation, identify water resources management challenges, gaps in water information and plans to recharge with the aim to long term solutions. The teams have submitted the reports.
A sum of Rs. 1147.20 crores have been released to the States during the current financial year by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare under PMKSY (Per Drop More Crop) component for micro-irrigation and other interventions.
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